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Sir:

I, Robert L. Lescanec, being duly sworn deposes and says that:

I received a PhD degree in Polymer Science & Engineering from The University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1992 and a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University.

I have over 12 years experience in Product Development, and I am currently the Director of Research and Development for Jetboil, Inc, a position I have held since April, 2006.

In my present position, I was assigned responsibility for monitoring the prosecution of the present patent application, along with other pending applications, relating to the Jetboil Personal Cooking System. I am therefore very familiar with the claims in the pending application, as well as the prior art patents that have been cited against those claims. Each of the independent claims 106, 117, 129 and 140 recite a burner and a vessel with a thermally conductive member attached thereto, substantially as follows: